



MEETING NOTES

Subject:	King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore community liaison working group drop-in session
Date and time:	Monday 15 January 2024, 6.30pm – 7.45pm
Location:	Room G1, Shadwell Centre

Tideway	Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ania Gonzalez, Senior Project Manager Emily Black, Engagement Manager 	5 residents attended referred to by initial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM HPB IS JB LM
CVB (Main Works Contractor)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Kujovic, Project Manager Martin Griffiths, Senior Community Relations Manager Lydia Claxton, Environmental Advisor 	
Tower Hamlets Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Bennett 	

An informal drop-in session was held, which gave residents the opportunity to pop in and discuss any questions or get an update on the project from the team.

Team members from the following areas were available:

- Construction
- Environment
- Community Relations and Engagement
- Representative from London Borough of Tower Hamlets

The slide pack that was shared with residents is available here - <https://www.tideway.london/media/6659/kempf-clwg-january-2024.pdf>

Questions raised by residents have been grouped into themes:

Theme	Question / Comment	Response
General programme	When will you be finished on site?	The current programme is shown on slide 8 here . Site demobilisation is shown as ending in December 2024. There will, however, be a period of testing of the sewer system following that period. A final period of architecture and landscape work is planned for April to June 2025 when we plant the intertidal terraces.

	When will the park be open?	We will open the Tideway area of the park as soon as it is safe to do so and the work is complete - currently expected to be in Spring/Summer 2025.
	When will the Thames Path be open?	The re-opening of the Thames Path is linked to the completion of the kiosk, architecture and landscape and civil works in the north-eastern area (upper interception chamber and intertidal terraces). The Thames Path will reopen when it is safe to do so and the surrounding work is complete and this is expected to be towards the end of construction.
	When will the super sewer be in operation?	Tideway aims to have the super sewer operational in 2025 following a period of testing and commissioning of the entire system. We hope to begin cleaning up the River Thames in 2024 when the testing programme begins.
Electrical and mechanical kiosk	Why is the kiosk in that location?	The zones where the kiosk and other above ground structures are permitted to be, were fixed by the parameter plan approved under the Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2014.
	What is in the kiosk?	Inside the kiosk is the electrical and mechanical equipment required for the sewer system to operate.
	Is there a security risk to properties in Free Trade Wharf due to the kiosk location?	<p>The security aspects of the whole design, including the kiosk, were reviewed by the Police's Secured by Design officer and their comments were taken on board.</p> <p>The kiosk is a minimum of 800mm from the Free Trade Wharf boundary wall. This is a condition of the Development Consent Order and was fixed in 2014 to mitigate security risks.</p>
	Will the kiosk equipment produce electrical or mechanical noise?	<p>Action 1 – Tideway to confirm and include in the notes of the meeting.</p> <p>Post meeting note: the kiosk equipment is not anticipated to generate any additional noise or disturbance. There is a planning requirement for Tideway to demonstrate that any noise generated by the equipment is lower than the background noise levels. Action closed.</p>
New public realm area	How will the space be managed and maintained?	We are starting discussions regarding the maintenance and management of the area with the relevant parties.
	Will the new area be gated? Will the public have access?	<p>It will be a new part of the park and the public will have access to the foreshore area. There are no gates to the new public realm area.</p> <p>When maintenance of the super sewer is taking place some areas may needed to be temporarily closed or hoarded off so that we can access the structures underground.</p>
Construction stories	How are you telling the stories of the workers?	We are currently making a series of films with interviews from members of our workforce across the project. Follow our YouTube channel to hear and see more –

		https://www.youtube.com/tidewaylondon .
Wider changes	Has climate change and population growth been considered in the design of the park and the sewer?	<p>Yes, the super sewer is designed to have a 120-year life span. Climate change and population growth have both been taken into account when designing the super sewer and associated public realm areas.</p> <p>For example, the flood defence walls across the project have been designed with the capacity to be raised in the event of rising water levels due to climate change.</p> <p>The planting on the new foreshore structure has been selected for drought tolerance.</p>
Artwork	What will the artwork look like?	<p>Information regarding the artworks that are being created by Hew Locke is available on the website here. https://www.tideway.london/impact/art-on-the-tideway/permanent-commissions/hew-locke-cargoes/</p> <p>The team will be bringing back more visuals of the artworks to the CLWG sessions in due course.</p>
	When will the artwork be unveiled?	Installation of the artwork will be complete by end of 2024. The artwork is likely to be unveiled at the same time as the foreshore area (Spring/Summer 2025) as the sculptures sit within the area currently under construction.
	Is there funding for the artworks to be maintained?	As with all our sites and artworks a maintenance plan will be agreed which will outline the maintenance regimes.
Trigger Action Plans	Did Tideway receive a Trigger Action Plan letter hand delivered to the site by a resident?	<p>Action 2 - Tideway to check on whether resident's Trigger Action Plan (TAPs) letter had been received as it was hand delivered it to our site office.</p> <p>Post meeting note: Letter has been received and resident has been notified. Action closed.</p>
Voluntary pathway clean-ups by CVB	Resident thanked staff for regular cleaning up pathways when requested.	The team thanked resident for her feedback which will be passed onto the wider team
Health and Safety	<p>Have there been many injuries on the project?</p> <p>What are the safety protocols on site?</p>	<p>Health and safety is taken very seriously across Tideway due to the very nature of the construction environment. Injuries and incidents are reported and investigated. Lessons learnt are shared across the different sites.</p> <p>All workers also take part in our interactive Health and Safety training programme where actors are used to simulate a incident in a construction based scenario.</p>
	Are the Met Police invited to these sessions?	No, they are not invited to these sessions. It was noted that the Police have their own mechanisms for engaging with local residents.

		Residents are encouraged to contact the Police directly if they have concerns about policing in the local area.
Questions for Tower Hamlets Council	Has Tower Hamlets Council been invited to these sessions?	Yes, Bob Bennett from Tower Hamlets Council is attending this session.
	Concerns were raised with the Council officers about public areas being overtaken by private ownership.	BB assured residents that Tideway's construction area that will be owned by Thames Water was previously mainly part of the river, not part of the Park. BB also made the point that the public will have access to the foreshore structure, and so a greater area will be available to the public than before the work started.
	What will the rest of the park look like?	The Tower Hamlets Council officer noted that the review of the Masterplan has now been completed and LUC are producing an update version for further consultation.
Compensation / Mitigation	What compensation is available to residents? How do you apply?	<p>If you feel affected by our work, please continue to contact the Helpdesk, who can advise you on the support available through the Independent Compensation Panel. Typical mitigation could include noise cancelling headphones, alternative office accommodation or temporary respite.</p> <p>You can download the Independent Compensation Panel form from the Tideway website: here.</p> <p>For personal assistance contact our Helpdesk: 08000 30 80 80 or helpdesk@tideway.london</p> <p>The Helpdesk can submit your claim to the Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) on your behalf, or you can submit your claim direct to the ICP: admin@tidewayicp.london</p> <p>For independent advice contact Independent Advisory Service (IAS) Helpline: 0800 917 8845 or info@tidewayias.co.uk</p>

Actions from 15 January 2024

Action	Comments	Status
Action 1 - Team to confirm if any noise is expected to be generated by the equipment inside the kiosk.	The kiosk equipment is not anticipated to generate any additional noise or disturbance. There is a planning requirement for Tideway to demonstrate that any noise generated by the equipment is lower than the background noise levels. Action closed.	Closed

Action 2 - Tideway to check on whether resident's Trigger Action Plan (TAPs) letter had been received as it was hand delivered it to our site office.	Post meeting note: Letter has been received and resident has been notified.	Closed
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Open and ongoing actions from previous meetings

Action	Comments	Status
CVB team to keep residents updated with changes to the overall programme.	Action is open and ongoing. The current programme is included on slide 8	Open and ongoing
CVB team to continue to keep residents informed about the progress of the cofferdam removal.	Action is ongoing while the cofferdam removal is taking place. The team is sending out regular email updates detailing progress to residents signed up to our mailing list.	Open and ongoing
CVB team to continue to inform residents of noisy activities and any changes to working hours.	Action is ongoing while constructions activities are taking place. The team sends out information to our mailing list with relevant updates.	Open and ongoing
Tideway to arrange an update on the artwork at a CLWG and provide a progress update.	January 2022 - Planning submission granted, and details of the artwork have been shared at CLWG sessions. Webpage available here. https://www.tideway.london/impact/art-on-the-tideway/permanent-commissions/hew-locke-cargoes/	Open - Tideway team to provide update on the artwork and the artist's progress.

Historical actions register. Actions closed or superseded.

Note - This was requested by a resident who could not attend the meeting.

Meeting Date	Action	Comments	Status
22/01/2020	Team to display large notices in the park regarding LB Tower Hamlets May 2020 workshop, making it clear that all views are welcome.	Superseded with Covid-19 lockdown.	Action closed
06/02/2019	Team to review how Tideway can assist with marking the Park's next anniversary	May 2019 - opportunity to mark the park's next birthday acknowledged and ideas to be discussed with resident. July 2019 - Attempts made to contact above resident.	Superseded , anniversary has passed. Action closed
16/05/2018	Tideway to liaise with the local council to see if yellow lines could be painted along Peartree Lane, as visitors to the Shadwell Centre and the Shadwell Basin Outdoor Centre are parking there and driving fast, which is dangerous for elderly residents.	May 2019 - Tideway / CVB to discuss with LBTH. Peartree Lane is understood to be a private Road.	Action closed
14/03/2018	Tideway to organise a dedicated session with the CLWG group to focus on foreshore design.	January 2022 - Planning submission has been granted. Details of the foreshore design has been provided at CLWG sessions. Consultation event also held by LB Tower Hamlets.	Closed / superseded.
14/03/2018	Tideway to confirm in advance which tree species are planned for planting in the Park.	January 2022 - Planning submission granted. Details of the tree species were included in the submission. Consultation event also held by LB Tower Hamlets.	Closed / superseded.
25/01/2018	Attendee would like to see draft proposals for both the kiosk and foreshore design. And a copy of the architect's brief, in relation to the foreshore design.	January 2022 - Planning submission granted. Details of the kiosk and foreshore design have been provided at CLWG sessions. Consultation event also held by LB Tower Hamlets.	Closed / superseded
31/01/2017	Team to investigate if lighting can be installed across the new park as well as solar panels to light up the tennis courts.	Closed – this is beyond the scope of Tideway and further lighting in the wider park would fall within the remit of the masterplan.	Closed